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Request for Expedited Procedure
Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Group Art Unit: 2828
Docket No.: F2108.0038

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Katsuji Mukaihara et al.

Application No.: 10/715,553

Confirmation No.: 5051

Filed: November 19, 2003

Art Unit: 2828

For: DIODE-PUMPED SOLID-STATE LASER
DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD
OF THE SAME

Examiner: T. N. Nguyen

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2006, finally rejecting claims 6-9 and 15-18, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Total | 18 | - 20* = | | X | |
| Independent | 2 | - 3** = | | X | |
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| TOTAL | | | | | 0.00 |

*not less than 20

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.